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A group of British bobbies has been scolded after using their riot shields as sleds. A passer-by filmed the bobbies goofing around on a snowy hill in Oxford and posted the clip on YouTube. It shows a policeman barreling downhill while another shouts, "Whatever happens, keep smiling!" "Tobogganing on duty ... is a very bad idea," said a police spokesman. But he added that snow brings "out the child in all of us." (AP)

**"This is a robbery,
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police, sorry."**

—A NOTE A MAN HANDED TO A PORTLAND, ORE., KINKO'S CLERK ON TUESDAY. THE MAN WAS NOT CHARGED WITH ROBBERY BECAUSE NONE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN COMMITTED.

See Above For British Police Hijinks

Kankakee, Ill., police say an officer assigned to a junior high school has been placed on administrative leave after he allegedly shocked three boys with a Taser as part of an unauthorized demonstration of the device. The officer used the Taser to stun three male students, who reportedly volunteered for the demonstration. Police say the officer was not authorized by the school, district or police department to do a Taser demonstration. (AP)



The Big Picture



THE WORLD'S TALLEST MAN, Sultan Kosen, who is 8 feet 1 inch tall, poses with the world's shortest man, He Pingping, who stands 2 feet 5.37 inches. The superlative pair were together for the launch of the Guinness World Records live road show in Istanbul on Thursday. (EXPRESS)



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Dems Reach Deal on Health Tax

Friday could bring final agreement on insurance legislation

Washington

In a major breakthrough, union leaders bowed Thursday to White House demands for a new tax on high-cost health plans as part of landmark health care legislation taking final shape in intensive negotiations.

The tentative agreement on the tax, which included significant concessions by the administration, was disclosed as leading lawmakers set an informal timetable of Friday for an agreement on the health care bill.

Democrats expressed the hope that the agreement would quickly open the way for progress on other key issues where House and Sen-



a lift this has been."

In remarks that look ahead to the fall campaign, he added, "If Republicans want to campaign against what we've done ... that is a fight I want to have."

The day's events underscored the urgency with which the White House and top Democrats were working, and the tentative agreement on a new tax on high-cost plans was the most prominent fruit of the effort.

"This was a very critical issue that had to be resolved, and I think it has been," said Rep. Rob Andrews, D-N.J.

In a significant victory for unions, the 40 percent excise tax would not apply to policies covering workers in collective bargaining agreements, state and local workers, and members of voluntary employee benefit associations through Dec. 31, 2017. (AP)

President Obama and White House officials have been leading health care talks.

ate-passed bills differ.

The fast-paced events came as senior lawmakers went to the White House for the second straight day of bargaining over terms of a final compromise, and Obama gave a

rousing speech to rank and file House Democrats in a late-afternoon appearance at the Capitol.

Referring to polls that show lagging support for the legislation, he told Democrats, "I know how big

In Brief

BOZEMAN, MONT.

Airport Screeners Fail To Catch Firearm in Bag

A man who boarded a plane at a Montana airport on Dec. 13 turned himself in to authorities after realizing he had carried a firearm onto a plane in his carry-on bag. Officials said security screeners at the airport failed to spot the firearm during a security screening. (AP)

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

Cocaine Found at NASA

NASA is investigating how a bag of cocaine got into the hangar that houses the space shuttle Discovery. NASA spokesman Allard Beutel said Thursday that the bag contained a tiny amount of the substance. It was found by a worker in a secure part of the hangar that is accessible to about 200 people. (AP)

NEW YORK

'Skinniest' House Sold

A townhouse dubbed New York City's skinniest house has sold for \$2.1 million. The red, 9½-foot-wide, 42-foot-long brick building in Greenwich Village was built in 1873 on land used as an alley between homes. (AP)

Holiday Schedule

Express will not publish on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Publishing will resume Tuesday.

Scientists Set Humanity's Doomsday Clock Back One Minute

Predictions

Man is the only creature that knows it's going to die, and atomic scientists are the only professionals who measure the amount of time before man annihilates himself. But there is good news from those scientists: Humanity inched away from Arma-

geddon on Thursday morning. The Doomsday Clock was set back one minute, from 11:55 to 11:54, reversing a precipitous slide toward midnight, the zero hour, ultimate self-destruction.

The clock was reset to reflect a "more hopeful state of world affairs," the Bulletin of the Atom-



Lawrence Krauss holds an image of the "Doomsday Clock" at a press event.

ic Scientists announced at the New York Academy of Sciences.

This is the 19th time the clock time has changed in 63 years. The creators of the Manhattan Project wound up the symbolic device in 1947 to remind the world of the consequence of abusing nuclear power.

DAN ZAK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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For 'Miracle' Survivors, Anxiety Lingers

Passengers struggle to cope with trauma from near-fatal flight

New York

Months after the crash, Doreen Welsh had a panic attack when she inhaled a little water in the shower. Anastasia Sosa no longer finds swimming fun — it feels too much like survival training. And Jorge Morgado can't bring himself to get back on a plane.

A year after the 155 people aboard the crippled US Airways Flight 1549 survived a splash-landing on the frigid Hudson River,

some are suffering the psychological aftereffects of their terrifying descent and harrowing evacuation.

While many have spoken of a newfound appreciation for life and a focus on family, some also are struggling to regain their balance emotionally.

"It was a real breaking point for me," said Sosa, who believed her husband and two young children would die with her.

In what became known as the Miracle on the Hudson, Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus A320 in the river on Jan. 15, 2009, after a collision with a flock of birds.



STEVEN DAY/AP

Passengers wait to be rescued on the wings of a US Airways jet on Jan. 15, 2009.

On Friday, the anniversary, Sullenberger and some of the survivors will take a boat out to the place where they were pulled soaked and

freezing from the water, and at the moment of impact they will raise their glasses in a toast.

Many survivors, including Mark

Hood, speak mostly about the positive outlook they gained from their brush with death.

"There is really, really nothing in life to fear," he said. "I feel like every day is a bonus no matter how difficult the problems that are thrown at you or at me."

Many of the survivors of Flight 1549 have gone back to their jobs. Some participate in an e-mail group, sharing their progress. Two survivors, Laura Zych and Ben Bostic, have even fallen in love.

The group surprised some observers with what they have chosen not to do: No one on board the plane has sued the airline.

SAMANTHA GROSS (AP)

Ex-Weapons Inspector Charged in Child-Sex Sting

Philadelphia

A longtime U.N. weapons inspector who blamed a 2001 sex-sting arrest on his criticism of the Iraq war has again been charged in an online child-sex case, and this time he was caught on camera.

Scott Ritter, 48, of Delmar, N.Y., engaged in a sexually graphic online chat with an undercover police officer posing as a 15-year-old girl nearly a year ago, police in northeastern Pennsylvania said.

Monroe County authorities



MIKE GROLL/AP

Scott Ritter is facing child-sex charges in Pennsylvania after an online sting.

traced the exchange to Ritter through a cell phone number he provided and confirmed the match through photographs, according to a police affidavit. Charges were filed in November, and the Pocono Record revealed Ritter's involvement on Thursday.

Ritter, born William Scott Ritter Jr., served as a U.N. weapons inspector from 1991 to 1998 before resigning. He soon became a harsh critic of President George H.W. Bush's push toward war with Iraq.

MARYCLAIRE DALE (AP)

Hearsay



"That's not the attitude that expresses the spirit of the president or the American people."

— VALERIE JARRETT, WHITE HOUSE ADVISER, ON PAT ROBERTSON'S CLAIM THAT A PACT WITH THE DEVIL LED TO THE HAITIAN QUAKE. JARRETT CALLED THE REMARK 'STUNNING.'

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Tense Democrats Scramble in Mass.

Republican mounts aggressive campaign for open Senate seat

Boston

President Obama and the family of Edward M. Kennedy pushed Thursday to keep a Democrat in the late senator's seat and protect a 60th vote needed to pass the health care bill that would be Kennedy's legacy.

The stepped-up involvement of two Democratic powerhouses reflected the degree to which Obama's party worried about a race that a week ago looked like a lock for Democrat Martha Coakley.

Stopping short of a visit to the state, Obama made his first foray into the race, asking his political backers in an e-mailed video to support Coakley in what's become a competitive race against Republican Scott Brown.

Republicans claim they have the momentum closing in on Tuesday's special election, and Demo-



Coakley

Brown

crats fear a loss could not only cost them the health care bill but also the rest of the president's legislative agenda heading into critical midterm elections this fall. Brown has said that if elected, he would provide the 41st vote needed to effectively kill the health care bill.

The burst of activity came a week after Vicki Kennedy staged what many had expected to be her only public involvement in the campaign, a glitzy endorsement event on behalf of Coakley.

Since then, Brown has waged an aggressive campaign for the seat, and national partisans of all stripes poured into the state after he was widely seen as beating Coakley in their final debate on Monday.

GLEN JOHNSON (AP)

Equally American



RICHARD DREW/AP

NIGERIAN IMMIGRANT Emakoji Ayikoye, 32, poses with a photo of Martin Luther King Jr. before taking the oath of citizenship in New York on Thursday. Hundreds of immigrants across the United States became citizens this week in special ceremonies honoring King, who would have turned 81 on Friday.

In Brief



Beijing firm on Web censors after Google's threat to shut its site

Beijing

In China's first official response to Google's threat to leave the country, the government on Thursday said foreign Internet companies are welcome but must obey the law and gave no hint of a possible compromise over Web censorship.

Foreign ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu, without mentioning Google by name, said Beijing prohibits e-mail hacking, another issue cited by the company.

She was responding to questions about Google at a regular ministry briefing.

"China welcomes international Internet enterprises to conduct business in China according to law."

— JIANG YU, CHINA'S FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESWOMAN, RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT GOOGLE ON THURSDAY.

Google Inc. said Tuesday it would stop censoring search results in China and might shut down its



People look at flowers left in front of Google's China headquarters in Beijing.

Jiang gave no indication whether the government had talked with Google. The state Xinhua News Agency said earlier officials were seeking more information about its announcement.

The main Communist Party newspaper warned companies to obey government controls as Web users visited Google's Beijing offices for a second day to leave flowers and notes expressing support for the company.

Peoples Daily, citing a Cabinet official's comments in November, said companies must help the government keep the Internet safe and fight online pornography and cyberattacks. JOE MCDONALD (AP)

KIEV, UKRAINE

Presidential Candidates Vow to Revive Russia Ties

The front-runners in Ukraine's presidential race have vowed to revive ties with Russia if elected — a signal that Sunday's vote could mark the end of the Western-oriented leadership ushered in by Ukraine's 2004 Orange Revolution. Polls show Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko trailing pro-Russian opposition leader Viktor Yanukovich. (AP)

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Suicide Bomber Kills 20

A suicide bomber killed 20 people — including three children — Thursday in a market in central Afghanistan in the deadliest attack against Afghan civilians in more than three months. The attacker detonated explosives in front of a currency exchange shop located in an arcade of stores in Uruzgan province. (AP)

JERUSALEM

Israeli Man Is Arrested On Enslavement Charges

An Israeli man who kept a cult-like harem of women and fathered dozens of children with them has been arrested on suspicion of enslavement, rape and incest, police said Thursday. Police say Gol Ratzon kept 17 women in a state of near-total obedience in Tel Aviv. (AP)

ISLAMABAD

U.S. Missile Strike Misses Pakistani Taliban Leader

The leader of the Pakistani Taliban, Hakimullah Mehsud, was apparently targeted in a U.S. missile strike on a meeting of militants near the Afghan border Thursday, but he escaped unhurt, Pakistani officials and militants said. (AP)

Iranians Mourn Slain Physics Professor



VAHID SALEMI/AP

MOURNERS CARRY THE FLAG-DRAPED BODY of slain Iranian physics professor Masoud Ali Mohammadi through the streets of Tehran on Thursday. Ali Mohammadi, 50, was killed in a mysterious bomb attack outside his home on Tuesday morning. His funeral turned into competing demonstrations by pro- and anti-government activists. Witnesses said half of the about 1,000 people were opposition supporters, and there were some minor scuffles with police during the burial.

Chavez Halts Blackout Plans In the Capital

Caracas, Venezuela

President Hugo Chavez suspended rolling blackouts in Venezuela's capital a day after they began and sacked his electricity minister, saying officials imposed a rationing plan riddled with mistakes.

Chavez's announcement late Wednesday was a significant shift in his attempts to avoid a widespread power collapse in the coming months through rolling blackouts of up to four hours a day throughout the country. Other rationing measures are to remain in place, including outages in other areas.

The rolling blackouts have been unpopular in a city already plagued by violent crime, traffic and trash-strewn streets, and opposition leaders accused Chavez on Thursday of backtracking to try to head off damage to his political support. (AP)

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The approximate value, in dollars, of nearly 60,000 pieces of looted or stolen artwork and archaeological artifacts that were recovered by Italian art police in 2009, officials said Thursday. In all, Italy recovered 39,584 looted archaeological artifacts and 19,043 other culturally important works, including entire libraries, last year, officials said. (AP)

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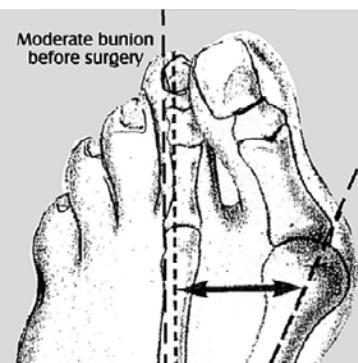
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World

11 Iraqis Guilty of Blasts

Attackers sentenced to death by hanging for August bombings

Baghdad

An Iraqi court Thursday sentenced 11 people to death by hanging after convicting them of carrying out the Aug. 19 bombings of two government ministries that killed more than 100 people in the heart of Baghdad.

The attacks — the deadliest to that point in more than a year and a half — raised questions about the ability of Iraqi forces to protect the country. They came less than two months after the U.S. handed over control of the country's cities to local security forces.

The bombings and two more massive attacks since have shaken Iraqis' confidence in Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who has staked his political reputation on keeping Iraq safe as he seeks to secure a second term.

The swift convictions were announced less than two months before Iraqis vote in a nationwide parliamentary election.



A man cries as he rides in a police truck after a bombing in Najaf, Iraq, Thursday. A series of blasts struck Najaf hours after a court convicted 11 Iraqis of August attacks.

Meanwhile ...

Iraq's electoral commission on Thursday barred 500 candidates from running in March's poll, including a prominent Sunni lawmaker. Hamdia al-Hussaini, a commissioner on the Independent High Electoral Commission, said the decision was made after the group received the list from a parliament committee that vets candidates for ties to Saddam Hussein's outlawed Baath Party. (AP)

Just hours after the sentences were announced, a series of deadly bombs struck the holy Shiite city of Najaf, underscoring the challenges facing Iraq's security forces.

At least three people were reported killed and scores more injured, though the death toll could rise.

"I expect more injured people will die because they were wounded seriously," said Dr. Mohammed al-Kharsan, director of al-Hakim hospital in Najaf. ADAM SCHRECK (AP)

Babe in Arms



BELA SZANDOLY/AP

A WEEK-OLD BABY

GORILLA is held by its mother, N'Yaounda, at the zoo in Budapest, Hungary. Zookeepers estimate the newborn weighs about 63 ounces.

Attack Targets Israelis in Jordan

Naour, Jordan

A roadside bomb exploded Thursday near a convoy of Israeli diplomats traveling through Jordan on their way home for the weekend, but no one was hurt, officials in both countries said.

Ambassador Daniel Nevo was not in the convoy, Israeli officials in Jerusalem said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

It was the first time a roadside bomb was used in an attack in Jordan, where suicide bombings and shootings have targeted foreigners in recent years. The method is widespread in neighboring Iraq.

The sundown attack also

exposed a security breach for Israeli diplomats, who are usually escorted by security personnel from both countries and use different routes and departure times during their occasional travels in Jordan.

The explosion ripped through the right side of a curvy road cutting through hilly villages on the western outskirts of the capital, Amman. The blast left a large hole about 3 feet deep and damaged a highway guardrail.

Jordanian forensic officers were inspecting the site of the attack, a security official said. The area is halfway from the King Hussein-Al-Allenby Bridge over the Jordan River, which links Jordan with Israel and the West Bank. (AP)

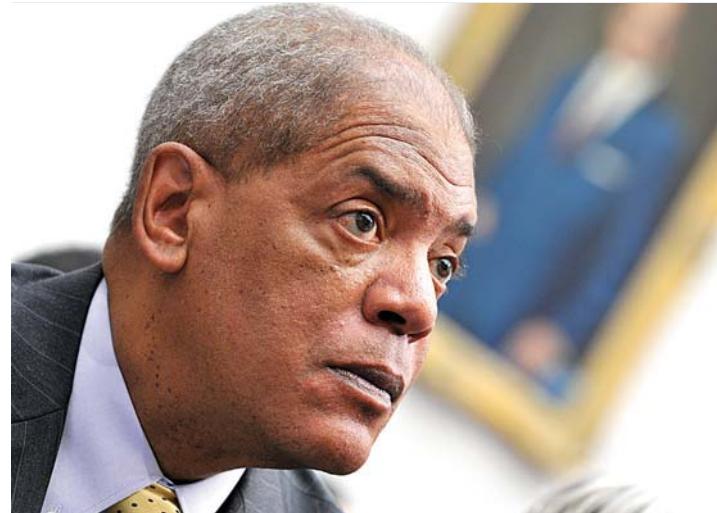
Metro Chief Catoe Set to Resign

Transit agency GM:
Tragedies led to 'an
unhealthy distraction'

Washington

Metro General Manager John B. Catoe Jr. on Thursday announced his resignation, effective April 2, in the wake of train crashes, worker fatalities and other safety lapses in the past year that created what he called "an unhealthy distraction."

"I have decided that it is time for me to channel my future in new directions and provide this organization an opportunity to move beyond the current distractions," Catoe said. "Good leaders know how to impact change. Great lead-



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Metro GM John Catoe's resignation is effective April 2. His tenure lasted three years.

ers know when it's time for leadership change. I hope I fall into the latter category."

Catoe said he made the decision about a week ago and informed Metro's Board of Directors about

his decision in a letter on Thursday morning at a scheduled board meeting.

The resignation concludes a three-year tenure that began with high hopes of ending turmoil in the nation's second-busiest subway system. When he was hired, Catoe became the fourth general manager in two years.

Catoe was often praised for his leadership and was rewarded last fall with a new contract, even as fatal accidents and embarrassing revelations continued to arise.

Board Chairman Jim Graham thanked Catoe for his work. "We appreciate his stewardship during this difficult time, and we will miss his leadership," Graham said.

LENA H. SUN AND ANN SCOTT TYSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Jan. 14

District

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Evening Pick 3 (Wed.).....	4-2-0
Mid-day Pick 4	3-7-9-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.).....	4-5-8-4
Match 5 (Wed.).....	19-21-26-36-37 (8)
Multi-Match (Wed.).....	8-16-18-32-33-35

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	0-5-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.).....	8-4-2
Evening DC 4 (Wed.).....	8-0-3-6
Mid-day D.C. Five	5-3-2-6-6
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.).....	5-0-5-3-5
Daily 6 (Wed.).....	5-13-16-24-27-32 (19)
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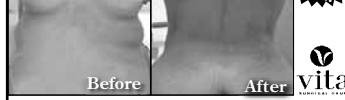
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Washington

A District of Columbia judge has thrown out a lawsuit by opponents of gay marriage against the city's elections board.

The plaintiffs, led by Maryland pastor Bishop Harry Jackson, sued after the Board of Elections and Ethics refused to put their initiative on the ballot. The measure would have defined marriage as between a man and a woman. The board ruled that it violated the city's Human Rights Act.

D.C. Superior Court Judge Judith N. Macaluso ruled in favor of the city Thursday. She said the board was right to turn down the initiative because it would, in effect, authorize discrimination, which violates the Human Rights Act.

Last year, gay marriage opponents lost a lawsuit on a similar ballot initiative for the same reason. (AP)

Cover Story

A Desperate Time in Haiti

Disorder slows the global effort to get relief to survivors of Tuesday's quake

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Doctors and search dogs, troops and rescue teams flew to this devastated land of dazed, dead and dying people Thursday, finding bottlenecks everywhere, beginning at a main airport short on jet fuel and ramp space and without a control tower.

The international Red Cross estimated 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's cataclysmic earthquake, based on information from the Haitian Red Cross and government officials. Worries mounted, meanwhile, about food and water for the survivors.

From Virginia to China, a handful of rescue teams were able to get down to work, scouring the rubble for survivors. The silence of the dead was overwhelming in a city where uncounted bodies littered the streets, and dust-caked arms and legs reached, frozen and lifeless, from the ruins. Outside the General Hospital morgue, hundreds of collected corpses blanketed the parking lot, as the grief-stricken searched for loved ones. Brazilian U.N. peacekeepers, key to city security, were trying to organize mass burials.

From Europe, Asia and the Americas, governments, the U.N. and private aid groups were sending planeloads of high-energy biscuits and other food, tents, blankets, water-

purification gear, heavy equipment for removing debris, helicopters and other transport, and teams of hundreds of search-and-rescue, medical and other specialists.

But two days after much of this ramshackle city was shattered, the global helping hand was slowed by the poor roads, airport and seaport of a wretchedly poor nation.

About 60 aid flights had arrived by midday Thursday, but they then had to contend with the chokepoint of an overloaded Tous-

A 'Small Miracle'

Searchers pulled a security guard alive from beneath the collapsed concrete floors of the U.N. peacekeeping headquarters, where many others were entombed. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the rescue of Estonian guard Tarmo Joveer was a "small miracle." But officials said 36 other U.N. personnel were missing. (AP)

saint L'Ouverture International Airport. At midday, the Federal Aviation Administration said it was temporarily halting all civilian flights from the U.S. at Haiti's request, because the airport was jammed and jet fuel was limited for return flights.

Those that did land then had to navigate Haiti's inadequate roads, sometimes blocked by debris or by quake survivors looking for safe open areas as aftershocks still rumbled through the city. The U.N. World Food Program said the quake-damaged seaport made ship deliveries of aid impossible. Looting added to the concerns.

"We are all alone," Jules Hector, an older Haitian, told The Washington Post. "We cannot make contact with anyone — even people in other parts of Haiti." (AP)



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Children receive medical treatment in Port-au-Prince on Thursday, two days after a massive earthquake devastated Haiti. Damaged roads and a backed-up airport made relief efforts nearly impossible.

"Before this disaster, Haiti had the best chance in my lifetime to fulfill its potential as a country, to basically escape the chains of the past 200 years. I still believe that if we rally around them now and support them in the right way, the Haitian people can reclaim their destiny."

Former president Bill Clinton, the U.N.'s special envoy to Haiti, striking an optimistic note in an editorial on Time magazine's Web site about the massive challenges that lay ahead for the Haitian people. President Obama has tapped Clinton and former president George W. Bush to lead private-sector fundraising efforts for the country.



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Top: Earthquake survivors gather around tents in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Bottom: Gladys Louis Jeune, center, is greeted by her ecstatic daughter after she was rescued from the rubble of her home in Port-au-Prince nearly 43 hours after Tuesday's quake.

By the Numbers

\$5M The amount of money that the American Red Cross had raised for earthquake relief through SMS donations by Thursday evening. The Red Cross is accepting \$10 donations to its Haiti aid efforts from donors who text "HAITI" to "90999" on their cell phones.

Flood of Giving

- U.S. cell phone users' \$5 million contribution to Haiti disaster relief represents by far the largest outpouring of philanthropic support via mobile devices in history.
- The money was coming in at a rate of roughly \$200,000 per hour on Thursday, according to mGive Foundation, the nonprofit group helping to channel the donations. (AP)

Obama Orders Aid Effort Of Historic Proportions

Washington

President Obama and the U.S. moved to take charge in earthquake-ravaged Haiti on Thursday, dispatching thousands of troops along with tons of aid to try to keep order and to rescue the suffering in a country dysfunctional in the best of times.

Tested by the first large-scale humanitarian disaster of his presidency, Obama ordered a relief effort of historic proportions despite the deep strains it was sure to put on both the U.S. budget and on military forces who are already fighting two wars. He pledged an initial \$100 million — with the likelihood of more later.

Obama announced that "the first waves" of the American response were in place Thursday, with two search-and-rescue teams on the ground, Coast Guard cutters in port, the U.S. Southern Command in control of the airport and airlifts bringing in urgently needed supplies and ferrying out the injured.

But the chief emphasis out of



Aid workers treat a man who was hurt in Tuesday's quake in Port-au-Prince.

Washington was the huge amount of U.S. help that was still on the way — about a half-dozen ships and 5,500 troops making their way across the Caribbean.

Obama himself warned it would take hours, "and, in many cases, days," to get the full U.S. contingent to Haiti.

"None of this will seem quick enough if you have a loved one who's trapped, if you're sleeping on the streets, if you can't feed your children," Obama said. "So, today, you must know that help is arriving. Much, much more help is on the way." JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

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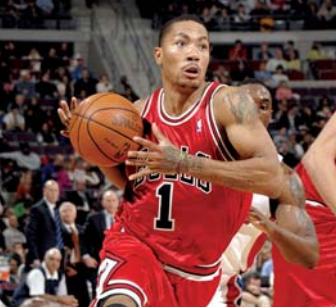
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Chicago's Derrick Rose was a No. 1 pick, a draft spot that the Wizards now covet.

Friday

7 P.M. The Washington Capitals host the Toronto Maple Leafs. CSN

8 P.M. The Washington Wizards visit Derrick Rose's Chicago Bulls. CSN+

8 P.M. The Atlanta Hawks battle the Phoenix Suns, followed by the Orlando Magic playing the Portland Trailblazers. ESPN

Saturday

2 P.M. Georgia Tech's men's basketball team aims to be the next team to upend North Carolina. ESPN

4 P.M. Maryland's men's basketball team visits Boston College. My20

4:30 P.M. Look for a high-scoring affair when the Arizona Cardinals square off against the New Orleans Saints. Fox

7 P.M. The Wizards return home to play the Sacramento Kings. CSN

8 P.M. The Ravens face the former Baltimore Colts — now in Indianapolis — for a spot in the AFC title game. CBS

Sunday

NOON The Georgetown Hoyas face the Villanova Wildcats. MASN

1 P.M. Tony Romo and the Cowboys take on Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings in the divisional playoffs. Fox

3 P.M. The Capitals face off against the Philadelphia Flyers on national TV. NBC

4:30 P.M. In the weekend's final playoff game, the San Diego Chargers host the New York Jets. CBS

Lewis and Manning ready for a battle of wits in Indianapolis

Pro Football

Peyton Manning will spend Saturday night doing his usual work, barking instructions at the line of scrimmage.

Ray Lewis will try to match Manning word for word, jab for jab, audible for audible.

Their teammates have been through enough of these rounds to know it will be the most entertaining, and loudest, chess match of the divisional-round weekend. It's Peyton versus Ray, the sequel.



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Saturday



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

It will be a meeting of the minds when linebacker Ray Lewis leads the Baltimore Ravens against Peyton Manning and the Colts. The Ravens are 0-4 all-time in Indy.

I have great respect for the way he prepares. I can tell by the way he plays how hard he prepares. It certainly shows up for his team on Sundays.

— PEYTON MANNING, ON RAY LEWIS

Pro Bowlers, Super Bowl champions and Super Bowl MVPs.

And now the Ravens (10-7) return to Indy (14-2), where they

are 0-4 all-time and lost 31-3 last season in their only other appearance at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Lewis & Co. think they can change the script this time.

"It's a great matchup," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "Nobody's better than Peyton as far as recognizing defenses and making great decisions. ... I'm kind of biased toward Ray, obviously. He does that [getting the team in the right plays] and he does so many other things. He's a great leader." (AP)



REUNIONS

The Washington Redskins have hired Bobby Turner as running backs coach, reuniting Mike Shanahan with the assistant who helped the Denver Broncos establish one of the top ground games in the NFL. Turner spent the last 15 seasons as running backs coach with the Broncos, including 14 years under Shanahan. Since Turner arrived in 1995, Denver has produced more rushing yards than any team in the league. (AP)

ROAD TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Some big-name quarterbacks and a former Redskins coach have a lot to prove during this weekend's other divisional playoff games.



CARDINALS AT SAINTS

Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints were the talk of the NFL as they marched to a 13-0 record. But their weakness in defense was exposed in the final three games of the season — all losses — and Arizona's Kurt Warner-Larry Fitzgerald isn't exactly a lightweight combination. (4:30 P.M., SATURDAY, FOX)

COWBOYS AT VIKINGS Brett Favre's magical comeback ran into rough waters as he clashed with Minnesota coach Brad Childress late in the regular season. As the Vikings looked shaky, Tony Romo and the Cowboys emerged as the team playing the best football in the NFC late in the year. (1 P.M., SUNDAY, FOX)

JETS AT CHARGERS Can Norv Turner lead a team to the Super Bowl? San Diego might be the favorite to emerge in the AFC if its often-inept coach doesn't stand in the way. On the Jets' side, coach Rex Ryan and quarterback Mark Sanchez have the Big Apple forgetting the Manning brother not in the playoffs. (4:30 P.M., SUNDAY, CBS)

Terps Put Their Trust in Vasquez



Terps Men's Hoops

After nearly 40 minutes of basketball, Gary Williams paces, sweats through his suit and watches the ball arc through the air.

How it completes that arc often is the difference between victory and defeat. At its simplest, the game is won and lost by the shooter.

Maryland, which next plays Boston College on Saturday, this week placed two games in the hands of Greivis Vasquez, the team's most prolific shooter.

The result? One win, one loss.

Against No. 18 Florida State on Sunday, Maryland (10-5, 1-1 in the ACC) jumped out to an early double-digit lead but as the game entered its final minutes, the Seminoles had cut that lead to just three points. That's when Vasquez, leading a transition, picked up his dribble just outside the three-point line, leaped and lofted a shot.

"I'm praying at this point," Williams said.

The conventional wisdom says it's not a smart shot. Vasquez didn't give his team a chance to run through a set offense and had no teammates underneath the basket



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Maryland senior Greivis Vasquez was asked to take game-changing shots twice this week. The Terrapins went 1-1 in their first two league contests of the season.

to rebound should the ball clank off the rim.

In this case, it didn't. The shot was true, and it became the turning point that ended Florida State's run and sealed the victory.

"You think it's a bad shot, but I've been working on that shot, and I finally made it, and it changed the game," Vasquez said. "You have to be a man to take that shot."

Two days later, against Wake

Forest, Vasquez again put his team in position to win with his late-game shooting. The senior scored seven points in the final minutes of regulation to push the game into overtime.

In the extra period, however, Vasquez and the Terrapins were reminded that sometimes the ball's arc doesn't end where it was intended. And sometimes hot

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— GREIVIS VASQUEZ, MARYLAND'S STAR GUARD, TALKING ABOUT THE SHOT THAT ENDED FLORIDA STATE'S MOMENTUM.

shooters go cold.

Vasquez made his first shot to put the Terrapins in the lead but then missed his next five field goals, including a forced 3-point attempt in the final seconds.

"There were two guys on him, and I guess he didn't see anybody open, so he took the shot," Williams said. "You want to put the ball in the hands of your best player if you can in that situation. At least I do." DEREK TURNER

College Tipoffs



SYRACUSE (5) AT W. VIRGINIA (10)

Story Line: Wesley Johnson and the Orange look to keep their conference win streak going against Bob Huggins and his gritty Mountaineers, who haven't lost a game at home this season. (NOON, SATURDAY, ESPN)

G'TOWN (11) AT VILLANOVA (4)

Story Line: The Hoyas hit the road for the first of two-straight Big East away games to face Herndon, Va., native Scottie Reynolds and the high-powered Wildcat backcourt. Led by head coach Jay Wright, Villanova is undefeated in conference play this season. (NOON, SUNDAY, MASN)

WAKE FOREST AT DUKE (8)

Story Line: The less-glorified Tobacco Road matchup pits a battle-tested Demon Deacons team against the potent Blue Devils at Cameron Indoor. Wake Forest has played three overtime games this year and won them all, including a thrilling 85-83 tilt over Maryland Tuesday. (8 P.M., SUNDAY, CSN)

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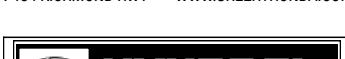
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Wizards Need a Change at the Top

In a little over a month, we're probably not going to recognize the Washington Wizards.

Team president Ernie Grunfeld will surely begin the rebuilding process by the Feb. 19 trade deadline. That means the few players Washington

would like to keep around — and who haven't grossly embarrassed themselves and the team in the past month — are likely to be shipped out.

It was nice knowing you, Antawn and Caron. Sad as it is to say, Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler must be traded in order for the Wizards to stockpile draft picks and salary-cap space in the post-Gilbert Arenas era.

When Grunfeld's done dismantling

Grunfeld has managed to leave one of the NBA's worst franchises in worse shape than when he took it over.

the squad, maybe he could send himself elsewhere, too.

Somewhat, Grunfeld has managed to leave one of the NBA's worst franchises in worse shape than when he took it over. Not only is the team a laughingstock to NBA fans, but now it's a joke in mainstream America, too.

Grunfeld not only condoned unprofessional behavior for years before the infamous gun joke; he hoped throwing money on the problem (Arenas) would somehow make it better. You don't build a team around a prankster, let alone one with injury problems.

The Wizards' new owner, whoever it will be, is going to start over. And that person will hopefully see that this joke of a team is a reflection of the team's laughably bad management.



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Arenas Hit With Felony Charge

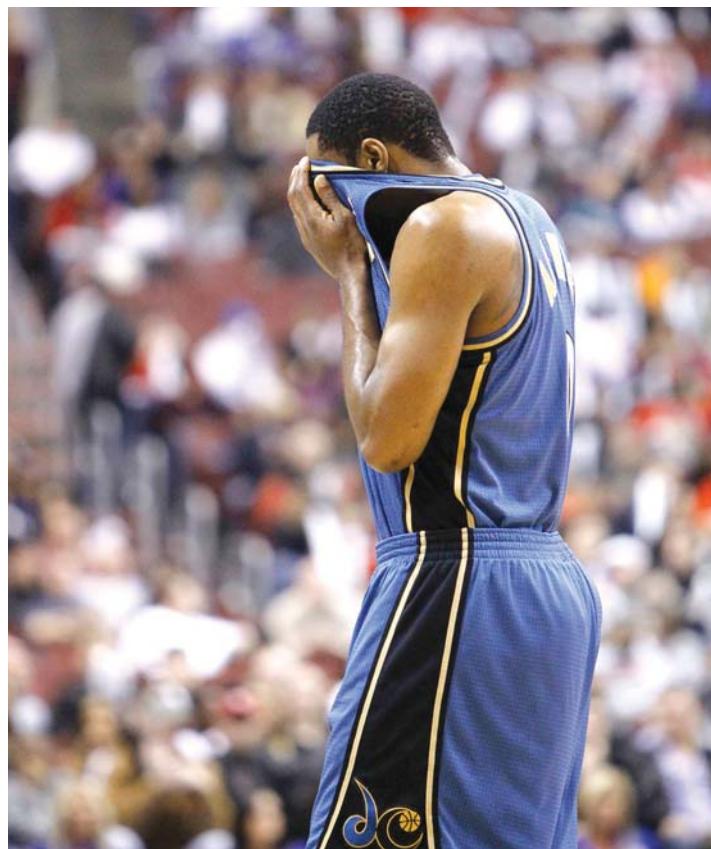
Wizards guard faces up to five years in jail for gun possession

The Wizards

Washington Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas was charged Thursday with felony gun possession, a crime that carries a maximum of five years in jail and a fine, authorities said. The charge was filed Thursday afternoon by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

Arenas' attorney and prosecutors had been negotiating a plea deal during the day and it was not immediately clear whether the filing of charges was a part of the deal. Court officials said they had been told to prepare to have Arenas in Superior Court on Friday.

The U.S. Attorney's Office alleged that on Dec. 21, Arenas "did carry, openly and concealed on or about his person, in a place other than his dwelling place, place of business or on other land possessed



Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas was suspended by the NBA without pay on Jan. 6.

by him, a pistol, without license issued pursuant to law."

The guns became an issue after Arenas and teammate Javaris Crittenton got into an argument after a card game and Crittenton allegedly said he should shoot Arenas in his surgically repaired left knee, sources have said. Days later on Dec. 21, at Verizon Center, Arenas placed the guns on a chair next to Crittenton's locker with a note that said "pick one."

A grand jury began hearing testimony in the case on Jan. 5. But Thursday's charge came directly from prosecutors and was not part of a formal indictment.

Also Thursday, Washington and Arlington police searched Crittenton's home looking for the gun he reportedly used in the locker room confrontation with Arenas, according to sources familiar with the investigation and court papers. Police did not find the gun at his Arlington home, Crittenton's lawyer and the court papers said. KEITH L. ALEXANDER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

MATT SLOCUM/AP

United's Perkins: Back 'Where I Belong'

Major League Soccer

D.C. United dutifully followed a Washington football tradition and traded away its first-round pick in Thursday's MLS draft, but it's hard to find fault with a move that filled a pressing team need so effectively.

D.C. shipped the No. 7 overall selection, Brazilian midfielder Fred and money to expansion Philadelphia for the right to reacquire goalkeeper Troy Perkins, who excelled in two full seasons as United's starter before transferring to a club in Oslo in December 2007.

Perkins chose to return to MLS after two years with Valerenga that included a Norwegian Cup triumph in 2008. Philadelphia was first in line to bid for his services according to MLS' complicated allocation process but appears



D.C. traded its top draft pick to bring back GK Troy Perkins after his stint in Norway.

this summer.

"To be able to raise a family in the States and to be back in the black and red, it's more than just a feeling. It's something deep in the heart and the soul. D.C. United is where things began and where I belong," Perkins said.

GM Dave Kasper said signing Perkins was a "priority of ours this off-season" and that the 2006 MLS goalkeeper of the year "will bring us leadership both on the field and in the locker room." United's defense often lacked that quality in 2009.

Philadelphia had three picks in the opening round Thursday and opened with Oregon State striker Danny Mwanga, who was the Pac-10 player of the year. Virginia midfielder Tony Tchani went second to New York. BRIAN STRAUS

set in goal with former Maryland star Chris Seitz.

D.C.'s situation in net was far more complicated, with neither Josh Wicks nor Milos Kocic doing enough last season to cement the starting job. Now in exchange for

an unproven prospect and an overpaid veteran midfielder, United can field a player who, at 28 and entering the prime of his career, is considered to have a very good shot at being the third goalie on the U.S. national team's World Cup roster

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Aussie-born, L.A.-dwelling landscape architect Jamie Durie doesn't just create backyards. He makes alfresco dream rooms: Japanese-style retreats with burbling fountains, "Are-we-in-South-Beach?" poolscapes with slinky sofas and slinkier cabanas. The host of PBS' "The Victory Garden" (check listings) and outdoor pro on "Oprah" just launched an HGTV show, "The Outdoor Room" (Fri., 10 p.m.), which follows him planting green spaces around the world.

Travel inspires many of your landscapes, doesn't it?

I like going to age-old places like Ethiopia, where I am now. You can learn a lot from a nation like this, where people speak so many languages and the architecture is so different from our own.

Any fave places that you like to re-create in people's backyards?

I lean toward tropical or Med-style climates, since those cultures are always good at making the most of their outdoor spaces. Their architecture is very good at bridging the gap between outdoors and in.

You talk about doing outdoor rooms. How is that different from, say, having a great deck?

It's about trying to do the sort of things you do indoors outdoors, like putting in heated floors on a patio or a pizza oven on the terrace. Think of your backyard as an outdoor living room or lounge, an extension of your house.

What's the most unusual item you put in for folks on the show?

For one couple in L.A., we put a

gorgeous claw-foot bathtub in their yard. It's both private and open to the sky, so they can take moonlit soaks.

What's your own backyard like?

I live in L.A., so there's so much I can do. I'm getting really into native plants and drought-resistant palms.

"Put a lamp or mirror on your deck. You're telling people you want them to spend time there."

How should I choose my outdoor furniture?

Don't just think about a dining table and chairs. Think lounge chairs or coffee tables. Shop your house, and, if you've got a space that isn't getting rained on, put a lamp or mirror on your deck. You're telling people you want them to feel comfortable and spend some time there. And if you buy wooden furniture, make sure it's from sustainable materials.

What about people with very small outdoor spaces, like balconies? What can they plant?

I like to fill planters with tall ornamental grasses that don't get clipped. It maximizes the space and creates almost a screen effect.

What's the key to finding plants that look good but don't die?

Go to the garden center and research what's native in your region. Those plants will require the least amount of effort to thrive. If you become an exotic gardener with plants that need more water and support, that's like pushing crap uphill, as we say back home.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Marco Polo's Treasures Closing Sale

Add exotic edge to your place with an Indonesian tea table, a Japanese lava rock sushi plate or a lacquered Chinese armoire snagged for 50 percent off at the Asian antique and decor den. Sale continues through Feb. 13; Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m. 8860 Monard Drive, Silver Spring, 301-589-3420; Marcopolostreasures.com.

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Anthro Report 2

WE CONFESS TO NEAR-WEEKLY treks to style den Anthropologie to scour its frequently updated range of quirky-pretty fashion (such as the Roses Underwater clutch, \$98, shown), crafty decor pieces and other beyond-cool ephemera (the stock of vintage housewares rivals that of the Georgetown flea). Now there's one more stop on our shopping route: The chic chain just opened an outpost at the Shops at Wisconsin Place (5406 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase; 301-654-1481), also home to new branches of Sephora and BCBG Max Azria.

Grab Bag



Dunk Love 3

ORDINARILY, SOMETHING THAT resembles a mutant, alien jellyfish floating in your cooking water is bad. But Fusionbrand's Foodpod (\$15, Fusionbrands.com) — a high-tech silicone steamer — turns out nicely blanched veggies, quickly cooked shrimp and boiled eggs, not disfiguring stings. It's tail, er, handle clips nicely onto the edge of pots; the string-like thing also won't get hot, which means removing the device from a Le Creuset full of scalding H2O won't hurt, either.

4 Block Party

DESIGNERS AT WEST ELM deem that it's hip to be square. The mod chain's newest furniture line, 2 X 2, reduces desks (shown, \$299, West Elm stores or Westelm.com), headboards, chaises and other pieces to naught but that Geometry 101 star: the cube. Open and airy stuff in chocolatey wood or white lacquer includes a glass-topped dining table (\$269) that'd fit into the weeniest-square-foot studio imaginable. Plus the prices on the sleek babies tend to be lower than other items in the store, bringing them even more math-geek appeal.



5



Digit Revolution

HIPSTERS FLOCK to American Apparel for its rainbow collection of well-priced tees, sweats and other wardrobe basics (plus a sizable assortment of fuchsia leggings and sparkly leotards, should the need arise). The company applied the same edgy-meets-affordable approach to its new nail lacquers (shown, \$6 each, American Apparel, 3025 M St. NW; 202-572-1066). The range of 18 far-from-usual hues (peacock blue, minty green, gunmetal) paint on thick and smooth — and, for most of us, are much more wearable than a pair of neon tights or satin shorts.



1 Gourmet To Go

SLEEK LOGAN wine bar/resto Cork attracts foodies for its mix of vino, tapas and nicely low-key atmosphere. The same upscale, friendly vibe extends to the nearby Cork Market + Tasting Room (1805 14th St. NW; 202-265-2674), a new gourmet grocery brimming with cuisine from Cork chefs (buttermilk fried chicken, lemon basil vinaigrette, \$6, shown) and more than 80 artisanal cheeses. Oh, and as its moniker indicates, you'll also find 350 types of chardonnay, merlot et al. On the menu next month: regular wine-tasting classes.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Last week, my very frugal husband became so fed up with this interminable winter that he booked us a cruise to Cozumel, leaving the second week of February. Now, I need sandals! — SUSAN

Manolo says, long ago, when the Manolo was very poor, he spent the few seasons living in the place with the very cold, very snowy winters. It was during this period of poverty, while the Manolo was forced to trudge many miles to obtain his daily crust of bread, that he grew to dislike



excessive displays of winter.

Indeed, the Manolo remembers when, caught outdoors in the storm of sleet, he vowed to exact revenge upon Señor Jacque Frost. "To the last," the Manolo shouted, Ahab-like, to no one in particular. "The Manolo grapples with thee; from Saint-Tropez's heart the Manolo laughs at thee; for hate's sake, the Manolo sips his last piña colada at thee!"

Of course, the wind did not listen, but still, the shouting was therapeutic, although, certainly not as therapeutic as going to Cozumel. Nor as therapeutic as the Valley from KORS by Michael Kors (\$162, Zappos.com), the wedge sandals available in the rainbow of colors, although the Manolo is partial to white for Mexico.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

About the Cover

We snagged this tangerine patent leather wristlet, marked down from \$195 to \$103, at Kate Spade (3061 M St. NW; 202-333-8302).

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Bargain Binge

Get more fashion bang for your sales-season buck with the inside scoop on Internet discounts, chain stores with cheap scores and expert advice on separating the good deals from the bad buys

To some shoppers, a store sporting a "sale" sign resembles a fashion Disneyland, a magical place where dreams — of the "75 percent off Diane von Furstenberg dress" variety — can come true. Still, visions of clearance racks (and deep post-holiday or post-season discounts) have caused more than one deal-seeker to go home with items that'd make even Snow White look hideous. (Too small, Grinch-green cashmere sweater, why did we fall for you, even for \$15?) "Don't buy anything on sale that you wouldn't pay full price for," says Kathryn Finney, who blogs about

getting the most for your retail dollars at Thebudgetfashionista.com. "We see 50 to 70 percent off signs, and they're like red meat," says Lisa Freeman, editor in chief of ShopSmart, a magazine devoted to bargain strategies.

Unlike last winter, with its rock-bottom deals (Manolos for \$100!), this season, you won't find Great Depression-like prices. Prudent retailers simply didn't order as much merch, so there's less inventory to discount. "The deals are not as stunning as last year," says Alexandria personal shopper Kathryn Martin (kmartinpessoalshopper@gmail.com). "Now, 30 percent off is good." In a way, this may make you a savvier shopper, she thinks. "Remind yourself of past things you've bought on sale that seemed good in the heat of the moment but that you never wore."

Newer, techy ways to comparison shop might compensate for the lack of Crazy Eddie-like tags. "Many stores have coupons online or discounts if you sign up for their e-newsletters," Freeman says. "Shame on you if you don't check Macys.com before heading to the mall." This season's true must-have accessory — your iPhone or BlackBerry — can also help you check whether you're getting the lowest possible price on, say, a dreamy pair of Loeffler Randall booties. Try Frucall.com, Shopstyle.com or an old-fashioned Google search before you buy.

Among the joys of sales: landing something unusual for less than usual, which means you may need to stalk your prey. "If you've already window-shopped something at full price, you'll know what you want before it goes on sale," Martin says. Think of this as retail recon, so you can pounce on that boho Trina Turk dress as soon as the price drops.

Here's how our two pro clotheshorses scored January buys more charming than wicked.

JENNIFER BARGER AND BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)



Set up a second e-mail account on Gmail.com or Yahoo.com for all your store newsletters and discount alerts. When you're ready to do some shopping, all your coupons will be in one place."

LAUREN ROTHMAN, D.C.
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1 Ballet flats, Jcrew.com **TIP:** Hit online sales as early as possible (in this case, um, Christmas morning on our iPhone while hiding from the family) to get the best deals and to be sure that they have your size.

TIP
"Think about shipping and taxes when buying something online — sometimes they're so high, buying it in the store might be better."

KATHRYN FINNEY,
THEBUDGETFASHIONISTA.COM



2 Ananas clutch, Proper Topper (1350 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-842-3055)

TIP: A new store trend, pop-up sales let you land major discounts — but only for a limited time. We scored this leather clutch during a one-week-only, half-off promotion on handbags.

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7 Teal silk blouse, Club Monaco (3235 M St. NW; 202-965-2118)

8 Fragments bracelet, Ebay.com
TIP: Seasoned Ebay.com merchants often scoop up end-of-season sale items for their auctions. This bracelet sold out on Neimanmarcus.com, but a few days later, a batch went up on eBay for the same discounted price.

9 Cashmere scarf, Club Monaco (3235 M St. NW; 202-965-2118)
TIP: Ask the salesperson, "Are there any special offers that would make this cheaper?" Often, they can fill you in on under-the-radar coupons or upcoming sales.

3 Tuxedo jacket, J.Crew (The Fashion Centre at Pentagon City; 703-414-3720)

TIP: Keep an eye out for final sale clauses—this sleek jacket was a steal, but it also came with a "no returns or exchanges" policy. If you're not totally in love, place it on hold instead.

4 Cashmere scarf, J.Crew (3222 M St. NW; 202-965-4090)

5 Bow-tie blouse, Gap (1120 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-429-0691)
TIP: Other peoples' returns often mean great sale finds for you—like this blouse, the only one in the store. Dig through racks near the register to see what has just come back.

6 Elizabeth & James jacket, Cusp (3030 M St. NW; 202-625-0893)

TIP

"If something's damaged or snagged, don't be afraid to ask for an additional discount, even if it's at Bloomingdale's."

LISA FREEMAN,
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11 Cole Haan "Air Hilary" wedges, Bloomingdale's (5300 Western Ave., Chevy Chase; 240-744-3700)

TIP: Online prices aren't always the lowest; two weeks after we purchased these lace-up booties, they were still full-price on Bloomingdales.com.

12 Gray suede gloves, Ann Taylor stores

TIP: Think location when hitting up chain-store sales—we nabbed gloves at a steep discount partly because we bought them deep in the heart of Texas, where 70-degree winter temps don't spur mitten hoarding.

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Really focus on your style when sale shopping. If you've never worn purple zebra stripes before, you won't now, even if something is marked down 50 percent."

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Beyond Belief

Romantic comedies are like Shakespearean sonnets: a difficult form with exacting requirements. The problem is, when people write their 14 lines of iambic pentameter with the right rhyme scheme, they think they've written a poem. The writers of the three worst movies I've seen

recently — "New in Town," "All About Steve" and the new "Leap Year" — seem to work along similar lines: take a woman, insert some hilarity with her shoes, introduce guy, hate-laugh-love ensues! Oscar!

The problem with a lot of modern romantic comedies is that the quirk starts too early. In "Leap Year," we're asked to believe that you can reach Ireland from Wales in a catastrophic storm; a woman would wear 6-inch stilettos on a car trip (Shoes! Funny!); Amy Adams is heavy enough to start a car rolling backward; church weddings happen on Sundays; and carrots grow in backyard gardens. In February.

All that just isn't necessary. The best romance happens when the people and their circumstances are as real as possible, and the weirdness comes at the end, when we're rooting for them to overcome the impossible. Having them overcome shoe-related impossibility followed by cow-related impossibility followed by alcohol-related impossibility means that you've got to get more and more impossible as the story goes on. Keep it real, and love becomes a real possibility.



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A stunning performance from Saoirse Ronan (above as Susie Salmon) is, unfortunately, not enough to save this film from being horribly muddled and misguided in tone.

Skeletal Adaptation

Film Review
"The Lovely Bones" loses substance and focus on its journey from page to screen

"The Lovely Bones" is anything but. Peter Jackson's movie, based on the best-selling Alice Sebold novel, flagrantly disobeys the first law of adaptation and, indeed, of filmmaking in general: Get the tone right. And tone is the first thing sacrificed in this shapeless, overlong, mawkishly muddled pop-up illustration of a movie.

Part coming-of-age movie, part domestic melodrama, part

thriller and part magical realist meditation on death, "The Lovely Bones" reaches desperately for style — inspired by everything from "Twilight" and "The Tele-tubbies" to bad 1970s van art — and in the process drops all pretense of substance.

That protagonist is Susie Salmon (Saoirse Ronan), who in a voice-over narration explains that she was murdered in 1973 at age 14 by a neighbor. Although Jackson ("The Lord of the Rings") is far too canny a showman to miss a chance for gruesome exploitation, an impulse he indulges in agonizing sequences just before and just after the crime, most of "The Lovely Bones" transpires while Susie is in "the in-

between," a candy-colored no-man's-land between heaven and Earth, where she watches her murderer (Stanley Tucci) hide in plain sight and her father (Mark Wahlberg) go mad with unresolved grief.

Jackson's fans have been wondering how he would deploy the special effects he's known for in the service of a story that has one foot in the supernatural and one in grounded realism. The answer is: awkwardly and without subtlety.

The two best performances in "The Lovely Bones" belong to Ronan, whose translucent blue eyes give her an appropriately otherworldly beauty, and Tucci, nearly unrecognizable under a sandy mustache and wire-rimmed glasses. But



Origins

A Lovely Thought The title of the book comes from Susie Salmon's reflections on the strength of her loved ones after her death: "These were the lovely bones that had grown around my absence: The connections — sometimes tenuous, sometimes made at great cost, but often magnificent — that happened after I was gone," she thinks. "And I began to see things in a way that let me hold the world without me in it. The events my death brought were merely the bones of a body that would become whole at some unpredictable time in the future."

'The Lovely Bones'

- **Director:** Peter Jackson
- **Stars:** Saoirse Ronan, Mark Wahlberg and Stanley Tucci
- **In a Nutshell:** A father (Wahlberg) works to avenge the murder of his teenage daughter (Ronan) while she watches and narrates from a limbo called "the in-between."
- **For Fans of:** "What Dreams May Come" and "Atonement"

even these sturdy actors can't bring focus to a film that never decides what it wants to be.

As "The Lovely Bones" lurches toward its eventual conclusion, the viewer's befuddlement is likely to give way to anger, when the whole point of the movie seems to be for Susie not to miss her first sexual experience. And anger gives way to outright rage when, in the film's most breathtakingly awful sequence, she meets her fellow murder victims in a golden nimbus of morbid sisterhood.

It's a ghastly moment, and considering the wild shifts that have gone before, completely unearned. The movie feels like a juggernaut of literary pretension and cinematic overreach, run fatally aground.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Farewell to a True Soul Singer

Teddy Pendergrass, R&B star and ballad master, dies at 59

Obituary

Teddy Pendergrass, the R&B star who spent the last three decades of his life in a wheelchair, has died. He was 59.

Pendergrass died Wednesday in Philadelphia, his son Teddy Pend-

ergrass II said. He had surgery for colon cancer eight months ago.

In the 1970s, the star became a sex symbol whose velvet voice drove songs such as "Close the Door" in 1978 and "Love T.K.O." in 1980. Both singles reached No. 1 on the U.S. R&B charts.

His soulful voice also led hits by Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes including "If You Don't Know Me by Now," another No. 1 from 1972: It sold 2 million copies. Fans in the



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The fairer sex swooned over Pendergrass' "For Women Only" concerts.

1970s called him "the black Elvis" and "Teddy Bear."

Pendergrass had five-straight platinum albums. Then, in 1982, the brakes failed on his Rolls-Royce and the car rammed a tree.

Pendergrass said he spent years wondering how his life would have turned out without the car accident — until he realized it was best to use his experience to help others, not to ponder "what might have been."

MARK BEECH (BLOOMBERG)

Casting Call



Get Animated: "Breaking Bad" star **Bryan Cranston** has joined the cast of Walt Disney's "John Carter of

Mars" for Pixar. The project centers on a Civil War veteran (Taylor Kitsch) who finds himself transported to Mars and becomes involved with the planet's warring people. Cranston plays a Civil War colonel who comes into conflict with Carter. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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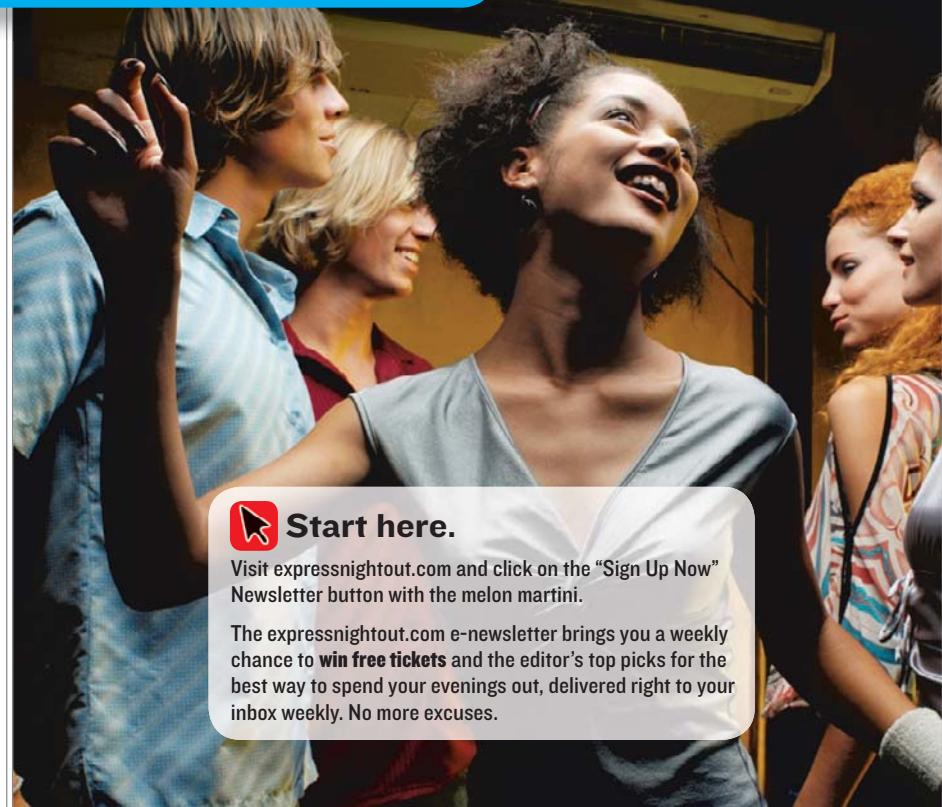
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Laughing Through Our Tears

The Golden Globes pairs dark films with a lighthearted guy

Awards

A loose and cheeky tone is typical for the Golden Globes (8 p.m., NBC, Sun.). Yet Hollywood's first major prize show on the road to the Academy Awards has plenty of heavy drama for the hard times we

live in. Three films with war-on-terror angles scored nominations, led by critical darling "The Hurt Locker," which is among the best dramatic picture contenders.

Also competing Sunday for that honor is the tough Harlem drama "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire" and the recession-era tale "Up in the Air."

And for the first time in more than a decade, there will be a master of ceremonies. Ricky Gervais,



Ricky Gervais should keep things on the up and up despite a sad film selection.

star of "Extras" and the original British version of "The Office," was picked as host of the Globes.

Gervais has promised some "gentle ribbing," principally aimed at "anyone younger and thinner and richer and more attractive than me."

"I can't wait to see Ricky Gervais do his thing," said Neil Patrick Harris, a Globe nominee for "How I Met Your Mother." "I think they chose the perfect guy." DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



Idol Worship

Set in Stone: Hollywood heart-throb **Johnny Depp** was honored Wednesday with a life-size statue of himself in Serbia. The statue was unveiled to the star by renowned Serbian director Emir Kusturica during an annual film festival. (AP)

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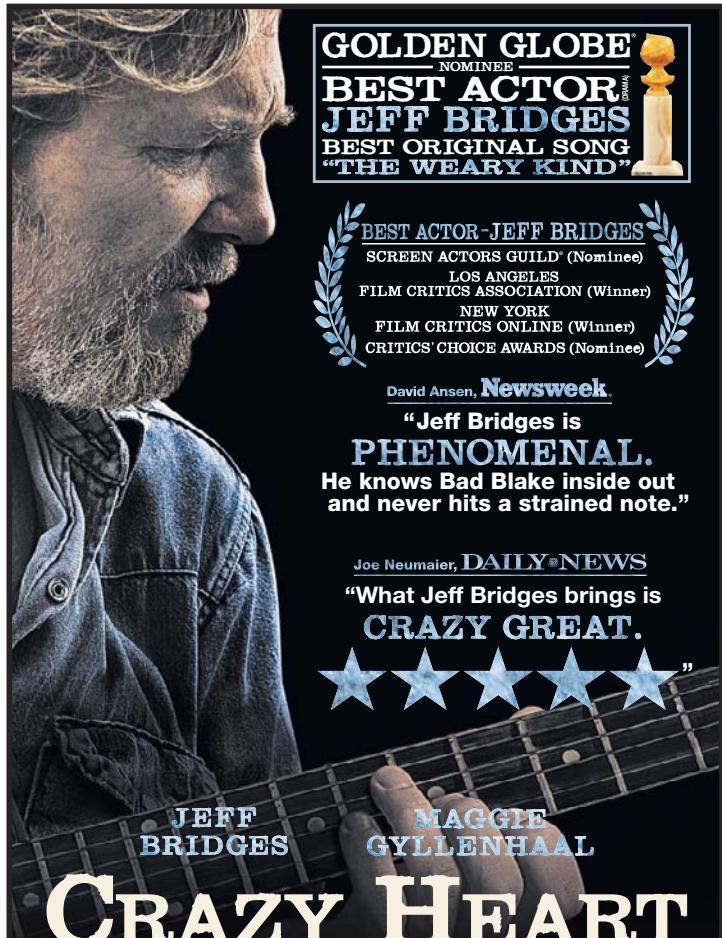


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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOMA ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

► FRIDAY

Diddy's in town, which means there's going to be a party with bottles and models and people who look like they could be models and folks who wish they could throw down a few grand on one night out but will settle for having a few drinks in the same building as Sean Combs and his reflected glory. Love is still closed, so the venue for this Ciroc-sponsored celebration is **THE PARK**. Get there early, and not just to beat the inevitable cluster at the front door: There are free drinks from 5 to 8 p.m., then \$5 premium drinks and free hors d'oeuvres from 6 to 8 p.m. (The guest of honor, of course, will be showing up well after that.) Get on the guest list by using the Park's Web site; send an e-mail to Fridays@Park14.com to avoid getting left on 14th Street.

► SATURDAY

The brothers Hays and Ryan Holladay of Bluebrain have already done the traditional guitar-based indie-rock band thing with the Epochs.



Diddy will be at the Park tonight, setting the tone for a bottles and models evening.

They even lived in Brooklyn while doing it. So, it doesn't come as much of a surprise that they tired of that tried-and-true setup and that their new project is as much a concept as a band. The band's biggest feat to date was September's boom box project in Dupont Circle where the band and a few dozen cohorts created a performance art cacophony. Tonight's show will also feature Outputmessage, one of the city's best electronic music acts, and a DJ set from Autorock. The whole thing's free at **THE FRIDGE**.

► SUNDAY

Long weekends mean one-off

events designed to get people to come out on a night when they'd usually stay in. Sunday night, for example, the Dynamite party at **LITTLE MISS WHISKEY'S** means DJ Nitekrawler leaves his monthly Moneytown throwdown behind for what he promises will be "60s, '70s and '80s Funk & Soul of all types." We'll trust him on that, seeing how much we enjoy Moneytown and the Breakin' Glass dance nights at Wonderland. Besides, it's free — what do you have to lose?

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► Now Playing

AVATAR (PG-13, 161 minutes) As James Cameron proved in 1997's "Titanic," he has a penchant for melding spectacle and old-fashioned storytelling. Here, the narrative fulcrum is a classic boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl romance. Is the dialogue corny? You bet. Does the movie go kerblooey in its final moments, during a ferocious, explosive firefight that will leave your eyeballs bleeding? Uh-huh. But Cameron has delivered what he promised with "Avatar": an ambitious, fully immersive cinematic experience. (AH)

CRAZY HEART (R, 111 minutes) You don't



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tug of war between Parnassus and the malign Mr. Nick (Tom Waits), the kind of devil you can't help but dance and make deals with. (AH)

IT'S COMPLICATED (R, 199 minutes) As Jane and Jake Adler—10 years divorced and with three grown children, yet suddenly drawn back in each other's lives (and beds) after a drunken fling over the weekend of their son's (Hunter Parrish) college graduation—Alec Baldwin and Meryl Streep pick up the movie and run away with it. The writing and direction, by rom-com veteran Nancy Meyers ("Something's Gotta Give"), are deft enough. But it's Streep and Baldwin's gamely ribald performances, and their seemingly effortless, effervescent chemistry, that put the pep in this movie's highly choreographed, yet richly entertaining step. (MO)

LEAP YEAR (PG, 95 minutes) Leap year comes only once every four years. But if the new romantic comedy of the same name looks like something you just saw, you're not imagining things. The film—about a rich, neurotic New York woman, Anna (Amy Adams), who falls for a surly rube en route to a romantic rendezvous with her jerk boyfriend—is a retread of just about every rom-com cliche ever turned. After a series of credulity-straining mishaps Anna finds herself in the middle of nowhere in Ireland, chauffeured toward her destination by a countrified cabbie named Declan (Matthew Goode), sporting a scruffy beard and a fake-sounding brogue. (MO)

NINE (PG-13, 120 MINUTES) "Nine" bounces into theaters as a bright, shiny bauble of cinematic self-reference and mythologizing, begging so insistently to be loved that it winds up pushing the audience away. "Nine" is about Guido Contini (Daniel Day-Lewis), a legendary Italian filmmaker who in 1965, on the eve of directing his latest picture, finds himself creatively blocked and preoccupied with the women in his life, madonnas and whores alike. An insurmountable flaw of "Nine" is that it asks viewers so blithely to identify with a protagonist whose overwhelming ego, insecurity and selfishness they're meant to confuse with artistic genius. (AH)

SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13, 125 minutes) Directed by Guy Ritchie ("RocknRolla") and starring Robert Downey Jr., the newest contribution to the world of Arthur Conan Doyle spin-offs is less a product of genuinely Holmesian DNA than, say, "Se7en." There's black magic

here, too; Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong)—who has been going around London dispensing with people in ritualistic, occult executions—has apparently risen from the dead. In the plus column is Downey's performance. The actor gets one important thing just right. That's a sense of Holmes as a brilliant misfit, a kind of autistic savant who hears, sees and remembers everything. There's

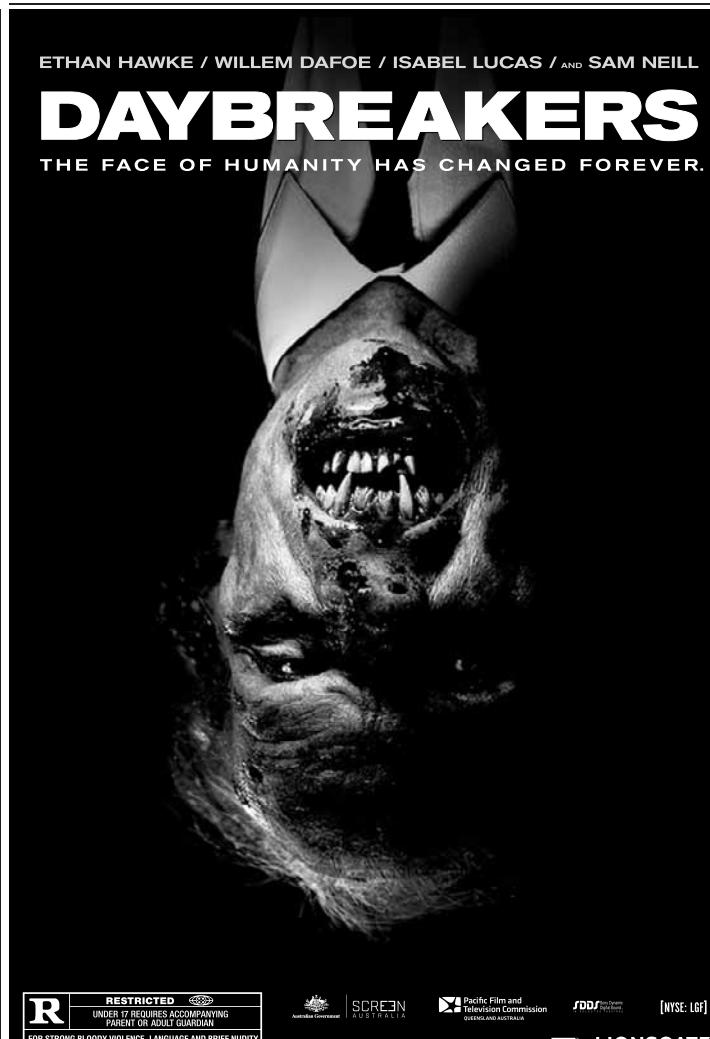
nothing terribly wrong with Jude Law's performance as Holmes's right-hand man, though he's considerably less stuffy than traditionally portrayed. (MO)

YOUTH IN REVOLT (R, 90 minutes) This coming-of-age sex comedy finds Michael Cera stuck in his same wispy, doe-eyed groove. Even Cera's biggest fans have to admit he has become something of a Johnny One-Note. In Miguel Arteta's adap-

tation of the C.D. Payne novel, audiences are still supposed to buy the 21-year-old Cera as high school student Nick Twisp, who lives in sex-obsessed misery with his divorced mother and her succession of loser boyfriends. When Nick meets the disquietingly frank Sheeni Saunders (Portia Doubleday) during a family getaway at a trailer park in California, he decides to do whatever it takes to be

with her—a vow that will entail random acts of theft, arson, dorm-rule violations and cross-dressing. It's a story we've seen in better versions before. (AH)

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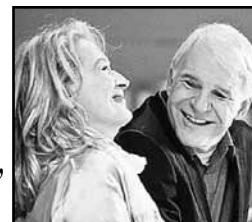
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1 Genre-Skippers

The Junior League Band has added a new dimension to D.C.'s native music scene. Take that, garage rock! These prolific musicians play an odd but compelling amalgam of bluegrass and rock that we were going to dub "bluerock" until Pitchfork called and threatened our lives. **f.z. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., \$10-\$15; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (USt.-Cardozo)**

2 Holiday Weekend

D.J. Dredd's battle dance parties are known and loved in the sector of D.C. that loves to boogie. They liven up most long weekends, and this Sunday's fight features Prince versus Outkast. Really, battles shouldn't be allowed that don't include Michael Jackson, but we'll let that slide. **f.z. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sun., 9 p.m., \$13 in advance or \$15 at the door; 202-667-4490, Blackcatdc.com. (USt.-Cardozo)**

3 Vroom, Vroom

Whether you're in the market to buy or just to drool, the Washington International Motorcycle Show is the place to see more motorcycles than you've ever seen in your life, not counting that day at the truck stop in Amish Country when the Hells Angels met the Buggy Whips on a field of battle. **f.z. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place; Fri. 4-9 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; \$12-\$30; 800-331-5706, Motorcycleshows.com. (Mt. Vernon Square)**

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Washington DC

Landmark Theatres

Landmark's E-Street Cinema www.landmarktheatres.com
BROKEN EMBRACES (R) (1:00, 4:10) 7:10, 9:55
THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) (1:30, 4:20) 6:55, 7:25
CRAZY HEART (R) (1:15, 2:30, 3:50, 5:00) 6:30, 7:40, 9:00, 10:10, 11:30
A SINGLE MAN (R) (1:40, 4:30) 7:20, 9:45, 11:45
NINE (PG-13) (1:20, 4:00) 6:45, 9:15
AN EDUCATION (PG-13) (2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35
THE NEVERENDING STORY (PG) (12:00) 6:00
POLICE, ADJECTIVE (NR) (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00

The Avalon Theatre

The Avalon Theatre www.theavalon.org
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15
INVICTUS (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

AMC Theaters

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AVATAR (PG-13) 12:00, 3:25, 7:00, 10:35

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THE LOVELY BONES (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:45
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SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 4:45, 7:45, 10:35
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:05
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) 11:30, 3:15, 7:00, 10:30
IN DIGITAL 3-D

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 1:45 P.M.

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THE LOVELY BONES (PG-13) 9:50, 12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10
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THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 10:25, 4:10, 9:45

Regal Cinemas

Regal Galaxy Place Stadium www.regmovies.com

EDGE OF DARKNESS (R)
THE BOOK OF ELI (R) (1:10, 4:20, 12:00) 3:00, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:35, 12:30
LEAP YEAR (PG) (12:15)
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DAYBREAKERS (R) (2:50) 5:20, 8:10, 10:40
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ZOMBIELAND (R) 11:55 P.M.

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TV weekend lookout

Another Day in the Life

Bauer is back to work with a vengeance in season seven of '24'

Return

SUN 9:00 **Jack Bauer** must feel a bit like Michael Corleone. Every time he thinks he's out, he's pulled right back into CTU's troubles.

Lest we forget, the "24" hero last year first tried missionary work in Africa before being shipped back to D.C., where he was willing to go to prison for his naughty ways until he saved the day by exposing himself to nuclear radiation to stop a bomb.

Don't you see why this show's starting a seventh season with a two-day (Sunday and Monday), four-hour kickoff on Fox?

Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) — now in New York, for those keeping track — has no dramatic escape plan set. Instead, he's ready to move back to Los Angeles to be near his



Bauer's quiet attempt to change tracks is put on hold when a bomb plot surfaces.

daughter, Kim, and her family.

That is, until a person with key information on a plot to blow up the United Nations stumbles into Bauer's hotel room. From there, it's just a typical day in Bauer's life. He finds a young CTU agent (Freddie Prinze Jr.) he trusts, and then runs into some mishaps of his own.

Tech-wiz Chloe O'Brian (Mary Lynn Rajskub) is back and yet again

facing inter-office competition, this time in the form of Katee Sackhoff ("Battlestar Galactica"). Other regulars returning are President Taylor (Cherry Jones) and Renee Walker (Annie Wersching).

New faces include Mykelti Williamson (Bubba in "Forrest Gump") as head of CTU New York and Anil Kapoor ("Slumdog Millionaire") as the president of a Middle Eastern country. **MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)**

Best Bets

FRI 8:00



Law & Order (NBC) When a journalist is found dead in an abandoned apartment, Detectives Lupo and Bernard's (Jesse L. Martin, left) investigation uncovers a relationship between the victim and a daytime talk show host (guest star Samantha Bee).

FRI 8:00

Supernanny (ABC) Jo, right, may be too late to help reverse the situation of Kristin Hallenbeck, a 25-year-old who expects her mother and father to raise her two children.

SUN 9:00

Big Love (HBO) Bill considers running for state senate while Margene confronts Nicki about her feelings for Ray.

SUN 10:00

The Jacksons: A Family Dynasty

(A&E) The brothers remain divided in this episode. Jackie and Marlon give up on performing, and Tito and Jermaine want to move forward. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Premiere



Sacrificial Man

Adapted from a DC Comics book and graphic novel, the new action series "Human Target" (8 p.m., Fox, Sun.) follows Christopher Chance (Mark Valley, pictured), a unique private security guard who saves his clients' lives even if it means turning himself into a human target. Assisting him are Chance's business partner, Winston (Chi McBride), and Guerrero (Jackie Earle Haley, "Watchmen"), a hired gun. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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COMMENTER J ROLL



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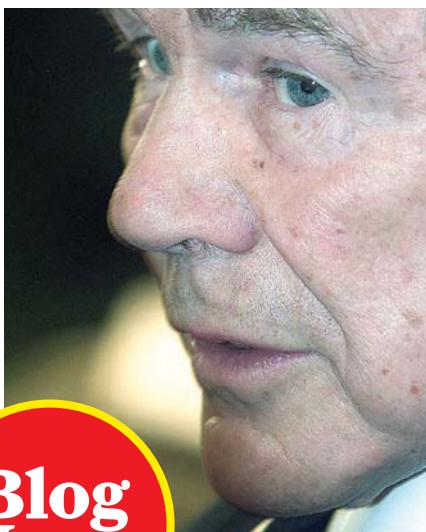
— **WINGSFORWHEELS.NET** PAYS HOMMAGE TO TEDDY PENDERGRASS, WHO DIED OF COLON CANCER WEDNESDAY AT T59.



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— **AWFULANNOUNCING.COM** DOES NOT THINK THIS STUNT-CASTING GIG WILL BE EFFECTIVE WHATSOEVER. ELISABETH HASSELBECK IS A HOST ON "THE VIEW," AND TIM HASSELBECK IS AN ANALYST ON "NFL LIVE."

Blog Log



"Just wondering if any of Pat Robertson's followers are asking how he knows the details of a pact made with the devil. I mean, wouldn't he need an inside source to get that information?"

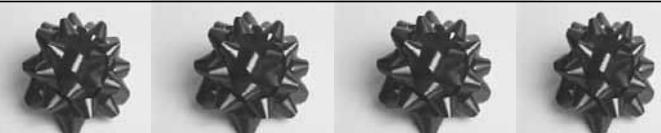
— **GAYPATRIOT.NET** QUESTIONS THE LOGIC OF THE TELEVANGELIST'S COMMENTS THAT THE PEOPLE OF HAITI MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL A LONG TIME AGO.



"STEVE KOLBE'S CALL

of [Washington Capital] Tomas Fleischmann's goal Thursday was so over-the-top, it was as if he was practicing [for the] Stanley Cup."

— **WASHINGTONCITYPAPER.COM/BLOGS' CHEAP SEATS BLOG** THINKS KOLBE HAS FULL RIGHT TO WARM UP THE PIPES FOR THE NHL FINALS.



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Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The choices are many, and you'll want to be sure that you are coming to the table prepared to pick what is truly best for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your schedule may be disrupted by the actions of someone who doesn't understand how it's all interrelated at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Personal preference is sure to come into question at some point. You needn't defend what you like and what you don't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You are likely to benefit from an unusual association with someone from an episode in your past.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Patience is a virtue, especially when you are dealing with someone who doesn't know how to listen to what you have to say.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

This is a good day to branch out and explore avenues that might have seemed forbidding to you not so long ago. You're feeling more confident now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

The social scene is likely to offer more in the way of personal reward than expected. You'll want to accept those invitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

The support you're after may be slow in coming, but you have something up your sleeve that can win the day in the end.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You are usually suspicious of those who flatter, but you're in the mood to hear the good things about yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You'll find yourself in need of some catch-up; someone in charge is breathing down your neck and wants to see results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

If you're going to share, you're going to have to prepare yourself for a surprise: Something you get from someone else may not suit you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

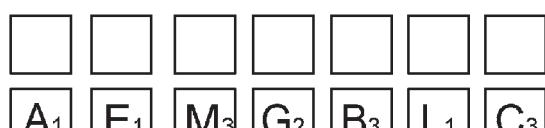
Recent events on the financial front may have you reconsidering a recent decision. It's not too late to change your course.

Scrabble Grams

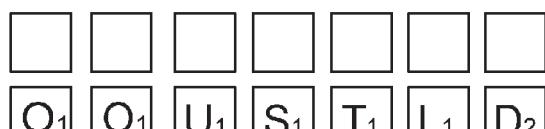
PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 226



Double Word Score



3rd Letter Triple



Yesterday's Solution

P ₃	A ₁	R ₁	T ₁	I ₁	A ₁	L ₁	RACK 1 =	59
A ₁	N ₁	T ₁	I ₁	W ₄	A ₁	R ₁	RACK 2 =	60
U ₁	P ₃	T ₁	A ₁	K ₆	E ₁		RACK 3 =	15
O ₁	V ₄	E ₁	R ₁	J ₈	O ₁	Y ₄	RACK 4 =	110
							TOTAL	244
							PAR SCORE	145-155

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

			2			6		
7	4			3		1		
		9	4					
	5	3			1			
8	1		4	2				
6			7	8				
8	1							
2	3			8	7			
5			8					

Yesterday's Solution

2	5	4	6	1	9	3	8	7
7	8	9	4	5	3	2	6	1
3	1	6	2	8	7	9	5	4
6	9	5	3	2	4	1	7	8
4	3	2	8	7	1	5	9	6
8	7	1	9	6	5	4	3	2
5	4	7	1	9	6	8	2	3
1	6	8	5	3	2	7	4	9
9	2	3	7	4	8	6	1	5

Need more Sudoku?
Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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Forecast



50 | 34

Today: Sunshine and mild today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.



45 | 34

Tomorrow: Sun giving way to clouds tomorrow. Rain and drizzle tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



SUN

MON

TUE

40 | 32 | 47 | 29 | 45 | 27

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:25 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:10 p.m.
Record high: 76
Moonrise today: 7:36 a.m.
Normal low: 27
Moonset today: 5:43 p.m.
Record low: -13

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lookout puzzles

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bring up the rear?
 5 Having melody and harmony
 10 "I've ___ to London to see..."
 14 Chief Yemeni port
 15 Amazed
 16 '67 Montreal event
 17 Loathsome person
 18 Tips
 20 Dust or pollen, e.g.
 22 Knock-down, drag-out fight
 23 Words to a captain
 24 Like a dry maple
 26 Institutions of higher learning
 30 Legendary cowboy ___ Bill
 31 Crumbly earth
 32 Church supporter's supporter
 35 "Awaiting your reply"
 36 Part of the pistil
 38 "... for a ___"

pittance"

39 "Old Uncle ___" (Stephen Foster tune)

40 Basin blocker

41 Stick with a pin

42 Greek-letter organizations

45 Give the nod to

48 Whit or wee bit

49 Gangster Bugs

50 Illegal baseball

pitches

54 "Monopoly"

possessions

57 "The very ___!"

58 Type of year

59 "General Hospital" figure

60 Word on a left

turn sign, perhaps

61 Seneca's being

62 Supports in a bad

way

63 Minority votes,

sometimes

DOWN

- 1 Start to "tat"
 2 Simon Cowell show
 3 Barker at SeaWorld

4 Industrious effort

5 Person saying "you're it!"

6 Fiona, for one

7 Round bread of India

8 Easily taught

9 100 bani

10 Asian nut-bearing palms

11 Banish from the land

12 Blunt weapons

13 Clowns' costume essentials

19 Drive forward

21 Baker's rackful

24 Wisher's sight

25 Breezy

26 "___ further reflection ..."

27 Campbell of "Scream"

28 Chilled the Chablis

29 Celebrity's concern

32 Gilpin of "Frasier"

33 Ancient Irish language

34 Hoses down

36 "___ Trygvason" (Grieg cantata)

37 Congressional action

38 It may occur from chromosomal alteration

40 Old witch

41 Ship post for securing cables

42 Slushy fruit drink

43 Most ready for plucking

44 Crashes, yells, sirens, etc.

45 Abundant perforations

47 Indonesian boats

50 Paddock papa

51 Charlotte Rae role

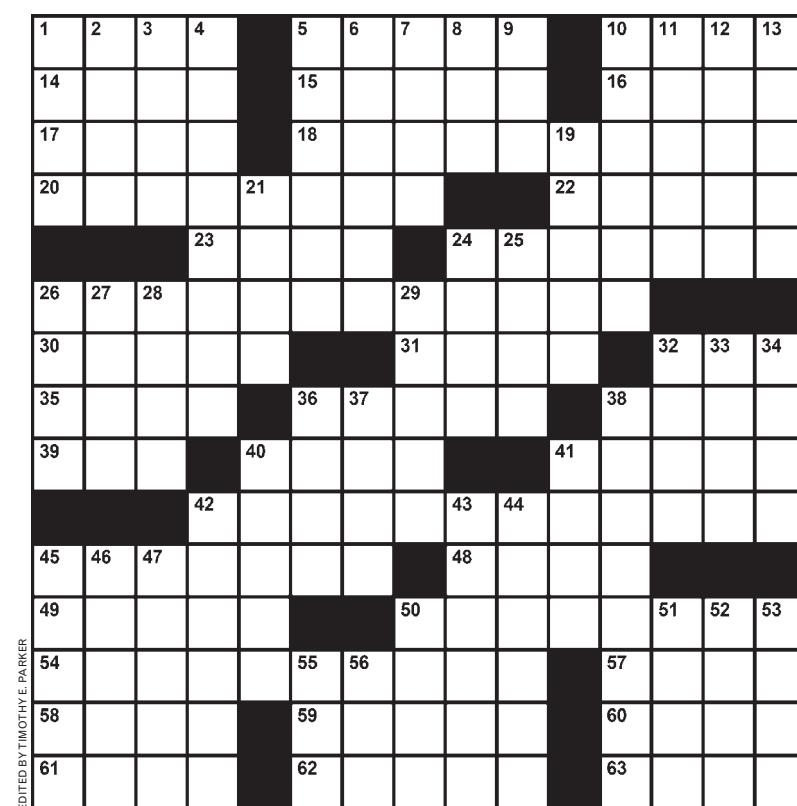
52 Lean (on)

53 "Simon ___"

55 Geneticist's focus

56 Worthless boat

Yesterday's Solution



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Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

3	7							
2	8	4						
1		3	6	7				
9	1	2			7	3		
6				8				
4			3	9	6			
	6	4			3	4		
		2			7			
9	5			1	9			

1	3							
8					9	2		
4	7				6			
					5	1		

	7	9			8	2		
	5				1			
	1	2			4	7		
5		3	8	4				
8		6		5	7			
6	9	2			5	7		
2		5	6	4				
5	8	9						
1	6							

DIFFICULT

Today in History

1777 The people of New Connecticut declare their independence. The tiny republic later becomes the state of Vermont.

1967 The first Super Bowl is played in the as the Green Bay Packers defeat the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10.

2009 US Airways Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditches his airliner in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disables both the plane's engines. All 155 people aboard survive.

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Last Week's Solution

6	7	1	8	2	9	5	4	3
3	4	9	5	1	7	2	6	8
5	2	8	3	4	6	7	9	1
1	6	5	9	7	8	3	2	4
4	8	2	6	3	1	9	7	5
9	3	7	4	5	2	1	8	6
2	9	3	1	6	4	8	5	7
8	1	4	7	9	5	6	3	2
7	5	6	2	8	3	4	1	9

people lookout



YAY

Deserving Talent Is Recognized

"Glee's" Matthew Morrison has signed a deal with Mercury Records, and his debut album will drop this coming fall, Usmagazine.com reported. His sound, he said, is "Timberlake meets Michael Buble ... me and a big orchestra, but also with beats." The Tony Award nominee says he wants "to have a career in movies, television, music and Broadway but have them all be ... their own entities." (EXPRESS)

AWARDS

'You're Hot. Wanna Party?'

Anne Hathaway can add another honor to her list: the Hasty Pudding Woman of the Year award presented annually by Harvard University's budding thespians. Hathaway will be feted Jan. 28 at a roast and parade held by Hasty Pudding Theatricals, the nation's oldest undergraduate drama troupe. Hasty Pudding honors performers who have made a "lasting and impressive contribution" to entertainment. Recent women of the year have included Renee Zellweger and Charlize Theron. (AP)

INSULTING

Gossip Item Horifies Both Farrah Fawcett AND Tiger Woods

Kate Gosselin hates her new hair extensions, sources told Usmagazine.com. "She thinks her hair looks over-processed and damaged," said one. "She's afraid people will think she's one of Tiger Woods' bimbos!" "She's been trying different things, from headbands to ponytails to a Farrah Fawcett-style 'do," said another. (EXPRESS)



DAVID LIVINGSTON/GETTY IMAGES

This is Kate before evil elves magically lengthened her hair as she slept.

Dirtbag Digest



Judge Mulls Laugh Track

An attorney for Charlie Sheen has asked a judge in Colorado not to let TV cameras record a court hearing next week related to allegations that he threatened his wife with a knife. The attorney says the actor wants to preserve some privacy for his wife, Brooke, and to protect his right to a fair trial. Sheen denies threatening his wife with a knife. (AP)



"im severely lonely without my best friend and no am not on drugs BTW."



COURTNEY LOVE, TWEETING INCOHERENTLY ABOUT THE RESTRAINING ORDER THAT'S KEEPING HER FROM COMMUNICATING WITH HER 17-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, FRANCIS BEAN COBAIN.



Heidi, before plastic surgeons removed the unsightly growth from her shoulder.

REACTIONS

World to Heidi: Please Put the Scarf Back On

Heidi Montag has not been kidnapped. A neighbor saw Montag entering her house with a scarf over her head and called the police, thinking she was being abducted, Montag told People.com. She was wearing the scarf to prevent photographers from seeing her face after undergoing 10 surgical procedures, the results of which are revealed on the cover People magazine. "We're grateful this was only a false alarm," Montag said. (EXPRESS)

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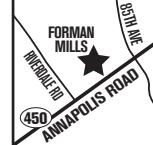
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